



A project supported by PEACEPLUS, a programme managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB)

PEACEPLUS PARTNERSHIP MEETING

DATE	Thursday 16th April 2026
TIME	2.00pm
LOCATION	The Millennium Centre, Loughgiel
MEETING CHAIRED BY	Cllr Dermot Nicholl
IN ATTENDANCE	
Members	Cllr C McQuillan / Alderman Y Boyle / Cllr M Watson / Cllr J Wisener / Cllr Ashleen Schenning / A McNickle / K Heaney / K Campbell / B Cooper / P Crossley
Statutory Agency	D Bradley
SEUPB	G McKenna (JS Programme Manager)
PEACEPLUS Staff	Lisa Harris (Coordinator)/ Graham Todd (Finance & Verification Officer) / Karen Moses (Business Support Officer)

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed all members in person to the partnership meeting and welcomed G. McKenna from SEUPB.

2. Apologies & Roll Call

See Appendix A

3. Conflict of Interest/Respect & Dignity Statement

The Chair read out Statement, no conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Chair referenced previous minutes.

- LHa drew the members attention to an amendment to the minutes for agreement.

Action: Secretariat to clarify wording regarding Ronan's Way to reflect issues lie with difficulties with land ownership and planning permissions.

Approved as a true and accurate record with above changes implemented.

Proposed by: M Watson

Seconded by: P Crossley

5. Matters Arising from Minutes

The Chair asked the members for any matters arising.

- MW raised concerns brought to her attention regarding removal of Ronan's Way and request for clarification to those concerned. LHa informed partners that Officers from Council will be speaking directly with them to resolve any miscommunication and that other options are being looked at. YB enquired if fast-tracking with Planning Committee was an option and AMcN asked if the Partnership could vote again. The Chair advised that issues had to be worked through first before the Partnership could vote again or for it to go to Planning Committee again.
- AS declared Conflict of Interest with Project BPTC4

Action: Secretariat to update Appendix E regarding Col declaration from AS.

6. Actions from Previous Meeting

- CCGBC to inform SEUPB by way of a modification request of the decision by the partnership Board to remove Ronan's Way under this PEACEPLUS Capital Project and proceed now with Layd Path and Cottage Wood works → on hold
- KM to send reminder email with Profile template to Board members for completion and Partners to return completed Profiles so the webpage can be completed and made live → Complete, email sent, 2 returns.
- SMcA to follow up with SEUPB regarding CCGBC target of 26hrs and feed back → Waiting for SEUPB to confirm.
- KM to issue email for any sub-committee allocation change requests for return and consideration → Complete, requests returned and updated in Appendix C of minutes – changes in bold text.
 - MW asked if Calendar of Events (of Projects) could be emailed to relevant sub-committee partners. CMcI advised the Calendar of Events would be live on the PEACEPLUS website for Partnership to refer to themselves, however, the PEACEPLUS Team could issue Calendar Invites for all Projects' events, partners can then accept those they wish to attend. This was agreed.

Action: Calendar Invites for Project Events to be issued to Partnership once ready.

- KM to email Delivery Agents to inform them of who from the Partnership is on their Sub-Committee and advise they will be in contact → Pending today's confirmed change requests
- CMcI to upload winning NRC video to CCGBC PEACEPLUS website → Uploaded

7. Update on Implementation of PEACEPLUS Local Action Plan

• Strand 1 – LCRT Capital Projects

LHa provided a progress update since the last meeting in February in the absence of LHi and will feed back any questions raised:

Mountsandel:

- Specialist Archaeological Advisor (Graham Warren) appointed
- Site visit held 16th Feb with Graeme Warren, HED & GM Design
- Site clearance to be undertaken to allow for additional surveys to be undertaken
- Site surveys to be undertaken by consultant team at beginning of June

Dungiven, Castle Park:

- Site visits undertaken to assist with project scoping
- Tender to be issued for habitat management plan
- Workshop with internal Council stakeholders undertaken on 12th March to scope project requirements
- Project brief to be developed before end of April 2026

Girona Coastal Path:

- Stage 1 Report completed
- Indicative offer for increase in project budget to cover almost all aspects of Stage 1 report
- Council approved indicative offer in March L&D and April Full council meetings
- Project to move to Stage 2 of capital project development

Layd Path, Cottage Wood & Ronan's Way:

- Stage 1 Report completed
- Indicative offer for increase in project budget to cover almost all aspects of Stage 1 report
- Council approved indicative offer in March L&D and April Full council meetings
- Project to move to Stage 2 of capital project development

Altnahinch Dam:

- Stage 1 Report to be presented to Council Officers at end of April
- Condition survey completed & submitted. Meeting on 20.04.26 to review report.
- Meeting to be arranged with NI Water at beginning of May to discuss reports & outline next stages in project development (including MoU signing).

- **Strands 2 & 3 Projects – Monitoring and Reporting**

CMcI delivered an update on the Projects:

- Project Reports and Partner Reports for Reporting Periods 1 to 8 successfully uploaded to JEMS to meet SEUPB deadline. Reports for Period 9 to be completed by end of next week.
- Reinforced importance of Delivery Agents' Participants completing the MS Forms Baseline Survey. Delivery Agents are able to see their own submitted data. We don't manage the data but we can report back to them on necessary data cleansing.

Action: CMcI to share Participant Report with Partnership by end of next week and will also upload to PEACEPLUS website.

GMcK added that SEUPB check submitted Participant Reports.

- No Close Survey available yet to show a full picture.
- Data will show “warning flags” if important targets are falling behind, eg Cross Community Balance. Graphic examples were demonstrated. It can also track trends, eg, length of time taken to complete survey. This is useful information to inform future Delivery Agents of. We can observe now the Projects are picking up speed. Previously it was an older age group demographic but starting to see a younger age demographic coming through.
- Currently have 419 participants registered. Demonstrated how data can be used to track achievement towards key targets, make comparisons and cross-references and highlight areas for concern which can then be addressed with Delivery Agent concerned. Interesting data results appearing from the 262 participants captured so far.
- These reports have been designed to report for PEACEPLUS LAP Programme and individual Projects.

- **Communications**

- Newsletter 12 (Mar 2026) has gone out and available on the website. Newsletter 13 (Apr 2026) will be going out in next few days.
- The Partnership Profile webpage is live but still need outstanding profiles returned, thank you to those who completed today before the meeting. Photos will also need to be provided.
- Tenders currently promoted on website with link and QR code to procurement site.
- The NRC PEACEPLUS video is now also on the website. The two remaining videos that were produced will be uploaded in due course.

GMcK thanked CMcI regarding her feedback and work on Monitoring and Reporting and thanked the team as a whole for all their work hard work. The Chair also thanked the Team and remarked on the work that was being done.

- **Tenders**

GT provided an update on current procurement of tenders and finance.

- PEACEPLUS hosted a successful Pre-Tender and Networking Event on 3rd March. This was an opportunity to present the Programme in more detail to potential bidders, provide guidance on terms of what a “good” tender response would look like and to enable individuals and organisations to network.
- 12 Programmes are currently out for Tender:
 - Tranche 1 closes 17th April
 - Tranche 2 closes 1st May
 - Tranche 3 closes 15th May
- Advertising of tenders has been going out via Socials, website and Belfast Telegraph, directing everyone to E-Sourcing and TED.

GT encouraged Partnership to share with contacts.

(MW left the meeting at 2.45pm)

- Preparation for Scoring Panels is underway:
 - Tender Assessment Training is scheduled next week to ensure panel members/moderators are up to date with current legislation, procedures and protocols.
 - 12 Panels have been scheduled across the Borough. Panel members have been chosen based on experience of the Subject Matter and with an attempt to address Cross Community Balance.

- **Finance**

GT advised that Financial Reporting to SEUPB and uploading to JEMS was carried out over the month of March following the Call of Contract between KPMG and CCGBC. Periods 1 to 8 have been uploaded and locked down for KPMG auditing. Period 9 is on track for completion before end of April.

- **Performance Targets Memo 2026 from SEUPB**

LHa shared the Memo with the Partners, which addressed Reporting and Forecasting up to end of December 2026 and displayed the revised forecasting targets for 2026 of £1.7 million.

GMcK stated SEUPB have targets as a body and that feeds down to all the programmes.

Meeting the forecasted targets is dependent however on the successful tendering of the 12 currently advertised programmes and have advised SEUPB of this. Both LHa and GT are monitoring this weekly and recording monthly spend to track progress.

AS queried scenario of no tender submissions for any one programme. Rather than re-advertising can an extension to the deadline be applied as delays will impact on timescales for actual programme delivery.

AMcN re-iterated previous concerns that project funding doesn't cover actual costs of delivering the projects in current climate and participant hours are too high.

CCGBC is one of the larger Programmes on PEACEPLUS and the participant hours are potentially legacy from previous PEACE programmes.

Action: PEACEPLUS team to enquire on possibility of tender extensions should it be needed.

GMcK praised the team in that CCGBC expenditure has exceeded target. She explained that if future targets are not met there is an element of risk that money could be lost to the Programme and requested that the team advise SEUPB immediately if there are any potential issues with spend so it can be addressed.

8. PEACEPLUS Membership

LHa has now received and applied all change requests from Partners where possible regarding their Sub-Committee allocations. The revised list will be applied to the relevant Appendix of these minutes. Contacts for Projects will be shared with Partners in order to link up. During future meetings, Partners will be asked to report back on interactions and events attended. Partners can and are encouraged to attend any of the Projects' event where interested, they are not restricted to those they have been assigned to.

AMcN and PC recently attended an event for BPTC7 Nature and Environment which was a good day, it involved cooking lessons for 2 local primary school groups.

The Chair suggested changing the terminology/language of "Sub-Committee" to "Project Partnership Representative" as it was not an accurate description of their roles/responsibilities.

Action: Partners to send photos and narrative of attended project events to CMcl.

9. AOB

No AOB raised.

10. Next Scheduled Meeting (Vice Chair)

- Meeting will take place on Thursday 18th June with a site visit to Dungiven's Castle Park.
- Meeting closed at 3.15pm

Actions from Meeting to be added to Agenda for next meeting:

1. KM to clarify wording regarding Ronan's Way to reflect that issues lie with difficulties with land ownership and planning permissions.
2. KM to update Appendix E regarding declaration from AS.
3. KM to issue Calendar Invites for Project Events to Partnership once ready.
4. CMcl to share Participant Report with Partnership by end of next week and will also upload to PEACEPLUS website.
5. LHa/GT to enquire on possibility of tender extensions should it be needed.
6. Partnership to send photos and narrative to CMcl where they have attended project events.

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Appendix A: PEACEPLUS Board Member's Attendance

A	Attended
Apol	Apologies Sent
N	Non Attendance
AO	Attended Online

Elected Representative	Party / Organisation / Agency	2023		2024				2025					
		21/12/2023	18/01/2024	21/03/2024	20/06/2024	14/11/2024	19/12/2024	20/03/2025	17/04/2025	19/06/2025	21/08/2025	16/10/2025	18/12/2025
Clr Philip Anderson	DUP	A	AO	A	Apol	A	A	A	A	A	A	Apol	A
Alderman Michelle Knight-McQuillan	DUP	A	Apol	AO	N	AO	A	Apol	AO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Alderman John McAuley	DUP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Apol	N	N
Clr Tanya Elder (Formally Stirling)	DUP	N	N	N	Apol	AO	Apol	Apol	AO	N	A	Apol	Apol
Alderman Mark Fielding	DUP	N	N	Apol	N	A	A	Apol	N	A	Apol	A	Apol
Clr Dermot Nicholl	SF	Apol	N	AO	AO	A	A	AO	A	A	A	A	A
Clr Ciaran McQuillan	SF	A	AO	A	Apol	A	Apol	Apol	Apol	A	A	Apol	A
Clr Niamh Archibald	SF	AO	AO	Apol	AO	AO	A	AO	N	Apol	Apol	Apol	A
Clr Margart Anne McKillop	SDLP	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A	N/A
Clr Maighréad Watson	SF	N	AO	AO	N	A	Apol	AO	N	Apol	A	A	Apol
Clr Ashleen Schenning	SDLP	A	AO	A	N	N	Apol	N	AO	N	N/A	N/A	N
Alderman Yvonne Boyle	Alliance	Apol	AO	AO	AO	A	A	AO	Apol	A	A	A	Apol
Clr John Wisener	UUP	A	AO	A	A	A	A	A	A	Apol	A	A	A
Social Partner													
Mairead McCormack	Glenshane Development Assoc	A	AO	AO	A	Apol	Apol	N	N	A	A	A	A
Ann McNickle	CRUN	A	AO	A	A	A	Apol	A	AO	A	A	A	A
Karen Heaney	Ind	AO	AO	AO	AO	A	A	AO	A	A	A	A	A
Karen Campbell	RVRA	Apol	AO	AO	A	AO	A	AO	AO	Apol	Apol	Apol	A
Shauna McFall	Naturally North Coast	Apol	N	AO	Apol	A	Apol	AO	A	A	Apol	Apol	Apol
Bonny Cooper	Ind	Apol	AO	A	A	A	A	Apol	A	A	A	A	Apol
Marion Walker	Cedar Foundation	A	AO	A	Apol	Apol	A	A	Apol	A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Joe Hutchinson	Youth Representative	N	AO	Apol	AO	A	A	A	N	A	A	Apol	Apol
Patricia Crossley	Ind	A	AO	A	Apol	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Patricia McQuillan	Ind	AO	AO	AO	AO	AO	Apol	Apol	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Statutory Agency													
Tracey Colgan	Public Health Agency	N	N	N	N	A	N	N	N	N	N	N	N/A
Seamus Ward	Western Trust	Apol	Apol	N	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Bronagh Cooper	Western Trust	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wendy Nixon	PSNI	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Vince Redmond	PSNI	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Louise Clarke	NIHE	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Christine O'Carroll	NIHE	Apol	AO	AO	AO	A	Apol	N	N	N	N	N	N
Deirdre Bradley	EANI	Apol	Apol	Apol	AO	A	Apol	AO	Apol	A	Apol	A	N
Colin Jess	Social Enterprise NI	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Apol
Niall McGurk	(CC&G)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Elizabeth Beattie	(CC&G)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
CCGBC PEACEPLUS Team													
Patricia O'Brien	CCGBC	N/A	N/A	A	A	A	A	A	Apol	A	A	Apol	Apol
Lisa Harris	CCGBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A	A
Graham Todd	CCGBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Karen Moses	CCGBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Clare McIntaggart	CCGBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	Apol	A	A	A	Apol
Liam Hinphey	CCGBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	A	A	N	A	A
Julie Welsh	CCGBC	N	A	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sarah-Jane Goldring	CCGBC	A	A	A	A	N	N	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Suzanne Fol	CCGBC	A	A	A	A	A	Apol	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lorraine Bell	CCGBC	N/A	N/A	N/A	A	N	A	A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Appendix B: PEACEPLUS Timetable of Meetings for Board

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>
18th December 2025	11.00am - 12.00pm	Cloonavin
19 February 2026	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Bushmills
16 April 2026	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Loughgiel
18 June 2026	2.00pm – 3.00pm	Dungiven
20 August 2026	2.00pm – 3.00pm	TBC
15 October 2026	2.00pm – 3.00pm	TBC
17 December 2026	2.00pm – 3.00pm	TBC

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Appendix C: Membership of PEACEPLUS Sub-Committees

Project	Council	Social
BPTC 1 - Older People's Programme & Intergenerational	Cllr Tanya Elder	Deirdre Bradley
BPTC 2 - A Women's Development Programme	Cllr Ciaran McQuillan	Bonny Cooper
BPTC 3 - Adult Social Prescribing Programme	Cllr John Wisener	Tracey Colgan
BPTC 4 - Community Skills & Employability Programme	Alderman Mark Fielding	Deirdre Bradley
BPTC 5 - Resilient Communities Programme	Alderman Mark Fielding	Mairead McCormack
BPTC 6 - Youth Engagement & Development Programme	Cllr Dermot Nicholl	Joe Hutchinson
BPTC 7 - Nature & Environmental Programme	Cllr Philip Anderson	Karen Heaney
BPTC 8 - LGBTQIA+ Programme	Cllr Ciaran McQuillan	Joe Hutchinson
BPTC 9 - Access all areas – Championing Inclusion in our Society Programme	Alderman Yvonne Boyle	Patricia Crossley
CCD 1 - Preserving History, Heritage & Home	Cllr Philip Anderson	Shauna McFall
CCD 2 - Teanga a wheen o wurd	Cllr Maighr�ad Watson	Karen Heaney
CCD 3 - Multi-Cultural Dimensions	Cllr Tanya Elder	Karen Campbell
CCD 4 - The Odyssey - Asylum Seekers & Refugees Development Programme	Cllr John Wisener	Bonny Cooper
CCD 5 - Dealing with the Past, Contemplating the Future	Cllr Dermot Nicholl	Bonny Cooper
CCD 6 - The Loyal Orders Programme	Cllr Maighr�ad Watson	Patricia Crossley
CCD 7 - Sustainable Festivals Hub & Programme	Cllr Niamh Archibald	Louise Clarke
LCRT 1 - Social Action Programming	Cllr Maighr�ad Watson	Mairead McCormack
LCRT 1.1 - Development of Mountsandel	Cllr Philip Anderson	Tracey Colgan
LCRT 1.2 - Development of Benbradagh	Cllr Dermot Nicholl	Karen Campbell
LCRT 1.3 - Girona Causeway Coastal Path	Cllr Niamh Archibald	Shauna McFall
LCRT 1.4 - Laid Path, Cottage Wood and Ron�an's Way	Cllr Ashleen Schenning	Ann McNickle
LCRT 1.5 - Altnahinch Dam	Alderman Yvonne Boyle	Louise Clarke
LCRT 2 - Exchange – Cross Border Programme	Cllr Philip Anderson	Ann McNickle

Appendix D: Sub-Committee Roles & Responsibilities

PEACEPLUS Sub-Committee purpose and member expectations

The Sub-Committees of the PEACEPLUS Partnership Board will be aligned to projects under strands 1 to 3:

Strand 1 – Local Community Regeneration and Transformation

Strand 2 – Building Peaceful and Thriving Communities

Strand 3 – Celebrating Cultures and Diversity

Membership

The Sub-Committee shall consist of members of the partnership Board, with 2 members dedicated to each project within each of the strands. Members preferences will be considered however allocation will also be based on where skills or connections are needed

Appointment of Sub-Committee

The Partnership Board shall at their first meeting following the appointment of the new Chair, determine the members of the Sub-Committees for the following 12 months

Duties and responsibilities of the Sub-Committees

The Sub-Committee members will attend a minimum of 3 events/sessions every 12 months for each of the 2 projects they are dedicated to. Sub-Committee members will be asked to provide information/photos/short report etc on the events they attend to the PEACEPLUS team.

A space on the agenda at Partnership meetings will be allowed for members to give a short update on their dedicated projects. This may include bringing any points of concern for discussion amongst board members.

Appendix E: CCGBC PEACEPLUS Live Standing Conflict of Interest Declarations

Project	COI	COI
BPTC 1 - Older People's Programme & Intergenerational		
BPTC 2 - A Women's Development Programme	Ann McNickle	
BPTC 3 - Adult Social Prescribing Programme	Ann McNickle	
BPTC 4 - Community Skills & Employability Programme	Mairead McCormack	Karen Campbell
BPTC 5 - Resilient Communities Programme		
BPTC 6 - Youth Engagement & Development Programme		
BPTC 7 - Nature & Environmental Programme	Cllr John Wisener	
BPTC 8 - LGBTQIA+ Programme		
BPTC 9 - Access all areas – Championing Inclusion in our Society Programme		
CCD 1 - Preserving History, Heritage & Home		
CCD 2 - Teanga a wheen o wuds		
CCD 3 - Multi-Cultural Dimensions		
CCD 4 - The Odyssey - Asylum Seekers & Refugees Development Programme		
CCD 5 - Dealing with the Past, Contemplating the Future		
CCD 6 - The Loyal Orders Programme	Cllr Philip Anderson	
CCD 7 - Sustainable Festivals Hub & Programme		
LCRT 1 - Social Action Programming		
LCRT 1.1 - Development of Mountsandel	Alderman Yvonne Boyle	
LCRT 1.2 - Development of Benbradagh		
LCRT 1.3 - Girona Causeway Coastal Path		
LCRT 1.4 - Layd Path, Cottage Wood and Ronán's Way		
LCRT 1.5 - Altnahinch Dam		
LCRT 2 - Exchange – Cross Border Programme		